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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action, Paper No. 12, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2001, for which the period of response is set to expire on September 20, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, attached to the end of this Amendment is a marked up version of the amended items showing all changes relative to the previous version.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

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1. (Three times amended) A torsion system for an article of footwear including a sole with a forefoot area and a rearfoot area, the torsion system including a longitudinal axis and comprising:
- a forefoot portion of the torsion system spanning substantially the entire forefoot area of the sole from a midtarsal area to a toe area and from a lateral side to a medial side, the forefoot portion having a generally smooth concave contour along the longitudinal axis;

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